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SUBJECT: UNSSOD: MEETING OF THE BARTON SUB-GROUP ON  
THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, MAY 31, 1978

1. SUMMARY: AT MAY 31 MEETING OF THE BARTON SUB-GROUP  
ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION, DELEGATIONS DISCUSSED PRIMARILY  
THE AUSTRALIAN/UK DRAFT LANGUAGE ON NON-PROLIFERATION  
(TEXT CONTAINED PARA 4 BELOW). IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED  
THAT AUSTRALIAN/UK DRAFT LANGUAGE SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
AS "BOTTOM-LINE" WESTERN POSITION AND THAT GROUP SHOULD  
WORK INITIALLY IN THE OPEN-ENDED WORKING GROUP OFF THE  
EXISTING TEXT CONTAINED A/S-10/1, MAINTAINING A RELATIVELY  
HARDLINE ON THE ISSUE. THE UNSYG'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH  
AN ADVISORY COUNCIL OF EXPERTS TO CONDUCT STUDIES AND  
RESEARCH ON SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT ISSUES WAS ALSO BRIEFLY  
DISCUSSED. END SUMMARY.

2. DURING BARTON SUB-GROUP DISCUSSION OF AUSTRALIAN/UK  
NON-PROLIFERATION DRAFT, FRG, ITALIAN, NEW ZEALAND AND  
SPANISH DELS REACTED FAVORABLY TO THE DRAFT LANGUAGE  
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ALTHOUGH ITALY STATED THAT IT WOULD HAVE A FEW MINOR  
CHANGES TO THE TEXT TO SUGGEST AT A LATER MEETING. THE  
DUTCH DELEGATION, SPEAKING WITHOUT INSTRUCTIONS, EXPRESSED  
SOME RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE LANGUAGE IN PARAS 4 AND 5  
(SEE TEXT BELOW), AND WAS REMINDED BY THE UK DEL THAT MOST  
OF THE LANGUAGE WAS DERIVED FROM THE NON-PROLIFERATION  
TREATY AND PAST UNGA RESOLUTIONS ON THE SUBJECT WHICH

HAD BEEN ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS. CANADIAN AND IRISH DELS QUESTIONED THE ADVISABILITY OF INTRODUCING THE AUSTRALIAN/UK DRAFT TEXT EARLY ON IN THE WORKING GROUP NEGOTIATIONS ON THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND SUGGESTED THAT THE DRAFT BE "PUT ON THE BACKBURNER" UNTIL IT BECAME EVIDENT THAT STRONGER, PRO-NON-PROLIFERATION LANGUAGE WOULD NOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE NON-ALIGNED. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT THE AUSTRALIAN/UK DRAFT WOULD BE CONSIDERED AS BOTTOM-LINE WESTERN POSITION ON NON-PROLIFERATION AND A SMALLER DRAFTING GROUP OF INTERESTED PARTICIPANTS IN THE BARTON SUB-GROUP WAS ASKED TO BEGIN GOING THROUGH THE EXISTING TEXT CONTAINED IN A/S-10/1 TO IDENTIFY THOSE AREAS WHERE THE WEST SHOULD TAKE A FIRM STANCE AND THOSE WHERE THE WEST COULD INDICATE FLEXIBILITY.

3. DUTCH DEL RAISED THE QUESTION OF WHETHER OR NOT THE UNSYG'S PROPOSAL TO ESTABLISH AN ADVISORY COUNCIL OF EXPERTS FOR PURPOSES OF CONDUCTING STUDIES AND RESEARCH ON SPECIFIC DISARMAMENT ISSUES SHOULD BE INCORPORATED IN THE PROGRAM OF ACTION AND, IF SO, WHERE. NEW ZEALAND DEL POINTED OUT THAT THIS QUESTION ALSO PERTAINED TO THE MACHINERY ISSUE. IT WAS GENERALLY AGREED THAT FURTHER ELABORATION OF THE WALDHEIM PROPOSAL WAS NECESSARY BEFORE SERIOUS CONSIDERATION COULD BE GIVEN TO INCLUDING IT IN THE SSOD FINAL DOCUMENT AND THAT DISCUSSION OF THE QUESTION AT PRESENT WAS PREMATURE.  
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4. TEXT OF THE AUSTRALIAN/UK DRAFT LANGUAGE ON NON-PROLIFERATION: BEGIN TEXT. IT IS IMPERATIVE, AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF THE EFFORT TO HALT AND REVERSE THE ARMS RACE, TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THIS INVOLVES OBLIGATIONS AND RESPONSIBILITIES ON THE PART OF BOTH NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES AND NON-NUCLEAR WEAPONS STATES, THE FORMER UNDERTAKING TO STOP THE NUCLEAR ARMS RACE BY URGENT APPLICATION OF MEASURES LEADING TO NUCLEAR DISARMAMENT AND ALL STATES UNDERTAKING THE NECESSARY MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SPREAD OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

2. FURTHER MEASURES SHOULD BE UNDERTAKEN JOINTLY BY THE NUCLEAR AND NON-NUCLEAR-WEAPONS STATES TO DEVELOP AN INTERNATIONAL CONSENSUS ON WAYS AND MEANS TO PREVENT THE PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS.

3. TO THIS END: - STEPS SHOULD BE TAKEN TO CREATE THE NECESSARY CONDITIONS TO FACILITATE UNIVERSAL ADHERENCE TO THE NON-PROLIFERATION TREATY.

- NON-PROLIFERATION MEASURES SHOULD ENABLE THE EXERCISE OF THE INALIENABLE RIGHT OF ALL STATES TO APPLY AND DEVELOP THEIR PROGRAMMES FOR THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, IN CONFORMITY WITH THEIR PRIORITIES, INTERESTS AND NEEDS, AND TO HAVE ACCESS TO AND ACQUIRE TECHNOLOGY, EQUIPMENT AND MATERIALS FOR THE PEACEFUL USES OF NUCLEAR ENERGY, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE PARTICULAR NEEDS OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES SHOULD BE SUPPORTED UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE UNITED NATIONS SYSTEM FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE TRANSFER AND UTILISATION OF NUCLEAR TECHNOLOGY FOR

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT, ESPECIALLY OF THE DEVELOPING COUNTRIES. EFFORTS SHOULD ALSO BE MADE TO BRING THE WORK OF THE INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION TO A SUCCESSFUL CONCLUSION IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OBJECTIVES SET OUT IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE OF ITS ORGANISATING CONFERENCE (SIC)

- THE USE OF NUCLEAR ENERGY FOR PEACEFUL PURPOSES, AND INTERNATIONAL CO-OPERATION IN ITS FURTHER DEVELOPMENT, SHOULD TAKE PLACE UNDER AGREED AND APPROPRIATE INTERNATIONAL SAFEGUARDS AS APPLIED THROUGH THE IAEA ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS IN ORDER TO PREVENT EFFECTIVELY PROLIFERATION OF NUCLEAR WEAPONS. THE IAEA SHOULD BE ASSISTED IN ITS EFFORTS TO IMPROVE THE TECHNICAL CAPABILITY OF SAFEGUARDS ARRANGEMENTS AND ENCOURAGED TO DEVELOP A STANDARDISED SYSTEM OF SAFEGUARDS TO BE APPLIED ON A

UNIVERSAL AND NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS. AGREEMENT SHOULD  
ALSO BE REACHED ON ADEQUATE STANDARDS FOR THE PHYSICAL  
PROTECTION OF NUCLEAR MATERIALS. END TEXT. YOUNG

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